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Q' international filing date of April 27, 2000, and which claims priority to U.S. application serial No. 09/300,959, filed April 27, 1999.


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the priority claim of the above-identified national stage application. Support for the amendment can be found on the front page of PCT publication WO 00/64488, which corresponds to international application PCT/US00/11372 and is attached as Exhibit A. The front page of WO 00/64488 clearly shows that international application PCT/US00/11372 claims priority to U.S. application serial No. 09/300,959, filed April 27, 1999. Accordingly, the amendment to the specification does not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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